

**2025 SPRING CHINOOK/SUMMER STEELHEAD DIVE
SALMON RIVER, CALIFORNIA**

REACH	DATE	SKILL RATING	MILES	SPRING CHINOOK ADULTS	SPRING CHINOOK JACKS	STEELHEAD ADULTS	STEELHEAD ½ POUNDERS
MAINSTEM							
Brannon's - Mouth	8/6	ADVANCED	4.4	34	15	42	29
Butler – Brannon's	8/6	ADVANCED	4.0	27	11	11	10
Tripp Point - Butler	8/6	ADVANCED	2.8	5	2	3	5
Nordheimer – Tripp Point	8/6	ADVANCED	3.6	17	1	17	10
Forks - Nordheimer	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	4.5	12	0	3	5
MNSTM COUNT			19.3	95	29	76	59
SOUTH FORK							
Henry Bell - Forks	8/5	EASY	3.0	17	0	0	2
O'Farril - Henry Bell	8/5	EASY	2.0	3	1	0	12
Indian – O'Farril	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	2.7	3	1	0	2
Matthews - Indian	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	6	2	7	11
French - Matthews	8/5	ADVANCED	4.0	17	3	6	11
Cecil - French	8/5	EASY	4.0	17	3	6	18
INDEX - Timber Gl - Limestone Gl	(8/5)	(EASY)	(2.6)	(12)	(3)	(4)	(6)
Petersburg - Cecil	8/5	EASY	4.0	4	4	3	11
Blindhorse - Petersburg	8/5	EASY	3.0	0	0	0	5
Little South Fk - Blindhorse	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	5	2
SFK COUNT			28.0	67	14	27	74
NORTH FORK							
4 - Forks	8/5	EASY	4.0	8	2	4	8
Index - China Pt. - Deadhorse Gl	(8/5)	(EASY / INTER)	(3.0)	(33)	(5)	(5)	(7)
8 - 4	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	37	6	4	12
12 - 8	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	4.0	42	9	5	6
16 - 12	8/5	EASY	4.0	18	2	5	8
Whites Gl - 16	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	2.0	28	8	0	4
Idlewild - Whites Gl	8/5	EASY	2.5	51	0	7	1
Mule Br. - Idlewild	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	0	0	5	4
Big Ck - Mule Br.	8/5	INTERMEDIATE	3.0	2	0	0	38
NFK COUNT			26.5	186	27	30	81
EAST FORK							
Taylor - Confluence	8/7	EASY	2.0	0	0	1	2
Shadow Ck - Taylor	NS	EASY	2.5	-	-	-	-
EAST FK COUNT			2.0	0	0	1	2
WOOLEY CREEK							
Gates – Mouth	8/5	ADVANCED	3.8	17	0	19	11
Bridge Ck - Gates	8/5	ADVANCED	3.4	14	0	19	9
Hancock Ck – Bridge Ck	8/5	ADVANCED	3.1	39	0	81	0
North Fork – Hancock Ck	8/5	ADVANCED	2.2	1	0	0	0
WOOLEY COUNT			12.5	71	0	119	20
FINAL COUNT			(w/o “extra” tributaries)	88.3	419	70	253
OTHER TRIBUTARIES (none completed in 2025)							
Knownothing Creek	NS	EASY	2.8	-	-	-	-
Little NF Salmon River	NS	INTERMEDIATE	2.3	-	-	-	-
Methodist Creek	NS	EASY	2.4	-	-	-	-
Nordheimer Creek	NS	EASY	1.8	-	-	-	-

Mortalities (as reported in notes and mortality sheets)

- Spring Chinook (adult) = 1
- Juvenile steelhead/rainbow trout = 5
- Sucker = 1
- Lamprey = 1
- Pacific giant salamander = 4
- Unidentified (adult) salmonid = 2

Other

*Orleans Complex fire delayed census surveys; and that which was completed was done by a group of experienced individuals – i.e., no big Forks of Salmon event.

*Sand (and other finer substrates) in South Fork which originated from post-2021 River Complex Fire debris flows (2022 - Blindhorse Creek; Taylor Creek headwaters // 2023 - Rush Creek) is still moving through the system.

*Elevated steelhead half-pounder numbers in some reaches, for example Big Creek to Mule Bridge, likely due to large residents

*Partial survey of Reach 19 (SF) - crew lost the trail and entered at Big Bend Ck, not Little SF Salmon

*Partial survey of Reach 16 (NF) - crew started at Big Twin Creek, not Big Creek; shortened to return before evening Butler Fire road closure

Other critters of interest

- Western pond turtle = 1 (Plummer to Horse Ck segment)
- Freshwater mussels
- Scattered juvenile Chinook
- Coho juveniles observed: Knownothing Creek mouth (possible); lower NF Salmon River